

Table 48.

Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2004

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings ^a	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other ^{a,b}
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
All ages ^c								
1992	951,118	100.0	36.6	1.5	1.3	7.5	18.6	34.4
1993	968,374	100.0	36.5	1.5	1.6	5.5	17.4	37.6
1994	848,211	100.0	36.8	1.5	2.1	4.4	18.1	37.1
1995	745,348	100.0	35.8	1.6	2.5	4.3	18.6	37.2
1996	733,393	100.0	35.9	1.8	3.3	4.4	17.4	37.2
1997	666,782	100.0	37.6	1.8	4.3	4.7	18.4	33.3
1998	719,111	100.0	38.2	1.9	4.8	4.2	20.1	30.8
1999	728,934	100.0	36.6	2.0	5.3	4.0	20.8	31.2
2000	760,764	100.0	35.1	1.9	6.1	4.2	21.4	31.2
2001	809,729	100.0	34.9	1.8	7.0	4.2	22.3	29.8
2002	843,653	100.0	33.9	1.7	8.1	3.8	22.1	30.5
2003	796,553	100.0	35.5	1.8	9.7	4.0	24.1	24.8
2004	693,048	100.0	38.7	1.8	11.9	4.3	26.9	16.4
Under age 18								
1992	211,793	100.0	48.3	6.9	5.9	...	...	38.9
1993	241,085	100.0	44.9	5.9	6.4	...	...	42.7
1994	202,357	100.0	45.6	6.5	8.6	...	...	39.3
1995	170,884	100.0	44.8	7.0	11.0	...	...	37.2
1996	152,171	100.0	52.7	8.7	16.0	...	...	22.6
1997	128,267	100.0	55.8	9.2	22.1	...	...	12.9
1998	145,008	100.0	55.6	9.6	23.6	...	...	11.2
1999	150,647	100.0	53.2	9.8	25.8	...	...	11.3
2000	159,894	100.0	50.2	9.2	28.9	...	...	11.7
2001	174,698	100.0	48.3	8.2	32.4	...	...	11.0
2002	188,313	100.0	45.5	7.7	36.1	10.7
2003	192,251	100.0	44.4	7.6	40.3	7.7
2004	186,250	100.0	43.3	6.8	44.1	5.7

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 48.

Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2004—*Continued*

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings ^a	Under age 18 only		Aged 18 or older only		Other ^{a,b}
				Medically equals level of severity of listings	Functionally equals level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	
	Number	Percent						
<i>Aged 18–64</i>								
1992	738,836	100.0	33.3	...	...	9.7	23.9	33.2
1993	726,766	100.0	33.7	...	...	7.3	23.1	35.9
1994	644,866	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.8	23.8	36.4
1995	573,381	100.0	33.2	...	...	5.6	24.0	37.2
1996	541,650	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.9	23.3	37.1
1997	513,697	100.0	34.5	...	...	6.1	22.6	36.9
1998	537,507	100.0	35.6	...	...	5.5	23.9	35.1
1999	542,776	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.3	25.1	35.6
2000	568,541	100.0	32.6	...	...	5.6	26.4	35.4
2001	604,577	100.0	32.6	...	...	5.6	27.9	33.9
2002	621,582	100.0	32.0	...	...	5.1	28.1	34.8
2003	577,301	100.0	34.1	...	...	5.5	31.9	28.5
2004	481,407	100.0	38.8	...	...	6.2	37.6	17.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2005. Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2005.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes all age groups.

b. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. For final determinations made in or before August 1996 for applicants under age 18, also includes applications allowed because individual functional assessment showed impairment of comparable severity.

c. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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